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## **Amash announces winners of art competition**

*Pieces to be displayed in U.S. Capitol and Amash's congressional offices*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) announced the winners of ArtFest 2019, the Congressional Art Competition for Michigan's Third District, at an awards ceremony at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on Saturday, May 4.

Nick Ensing's piece, [\*Frainteso\*](#), was named the grand prize winner and will be on display in the U.S. Capitol for one year alongside winners from other congressional districts. [\*My Reality\*](#) by Ashanti Clark (Kent Career Tech Center) and [\*Spillin' the Tea\*](#) by Ava Klug (Caledonia High School) were the Representative's Choice winners and will be displayed for one year in Amash's congressional offices.

Ensing, a student at Northview High School, will visit Washington, DC, this June for a reception honoring the winners. Pieces from Nia Mays (City High Middle School), Eilena Lopez (Cedar Springs High School), Ivan Reynolds (Lowell High School), and Nina Lu (City High Middle School) were named honorable mentions.

The Grand Rapids Art Museum, Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University, Kent Intermediate School District, and the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts were sponsors and participated in the judging committee.

The Congressional Institute sponsors the Congressional Art Competition in cooperation with the U.S. House of Representatives. The annual competition is open to high school students in participating congressional districts. More than 650,000 students have taken part in the competition since it began in 1982.

A photo of the grand prize-winning piece accompanies this release.

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